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Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

I certainly enjoyed your good letter of April 17th. You gave me the lowdown on everything.

You were asking what the situation is regarding the athletic director. They named Karl Klooz the acting athletic director and they moved the athletic office from the gymnasium over to Mr. Klooz's office where they have transferred Mr. Falkenstien. Of course, this is only a temporary situation until the war is over.

No, I would not be interested in the directorship any more. It is a lot of grief, and so many people hold you accountable for so many things that you are not responsible for that it is no pleasure and just a lot of grief. This same thing goes for football coaching. Henry Shenk has been named football coach, as well as track coach, and already I can see his blood pressure coming up somewhat. It is a job for a young man who likes the punishment.

I would be glad to have you write me some time, or drop by and we would have a good chat. It would be fine to have you near Lawrence if you should work at Eudora. Apparently the Hercules people are adding a lot of new men, and I am sure that with your administrative and executive ability you would have no difficulty.

I received the Little Six banquet menu and notice that you were the main speaker. I would have enjoyed hearing you make the eagles scream.

I wonder if Max has written you regarding his poison ivy. He doesn't know where he picked it up but he has a pretty bad case of it. The hospital has been painting him with potassium permanganate. It is not serious but I imagine it will knock him out of the trip to Lincoln. However, I don't believe many of the boys will do too much up there because the competition is a little too strenuous for them. I think our athletics are to be pushed in the background until after this big fuss is over. That suits me o.k. but I do believe they will have basketball next winter. I don't know what men I will have and I am sure they will be few, but I imagine that we can get a few boys together to give the opposition an argument.